



PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERIES HOTLINE

week 40

No. 2012-12

Monday, October 1, 2012 at 4:00 pm

[read by: Kendall Henry]

Fishers are reminded that a department issued **Fish Friendly certification card is required** to participate in any Area 7 or 7A commercial salmon fisheries (including chum fisheries). The next fish friendly workshop is scheduled for Wednesday October 3. If you have questions or need to register for this workshop, please call the Puget Sound commercial salmon manager at 360-902-2717.

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30TH – OCTOBER 6TH ALL AREAS ARE CLOSED EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS:

Area 6D (Dungeness Bay):

Open to skiff gillnets using 5-inch minimum mesh size from 7 AM to 7 PM daily, Monday October 1st through Friday October 5th.

All Chinook and chum must be released by cutting the ensnaring mesh.

Areas 7 and 7A (San Juan Islands and Point Roberts):

Open to reef nets from 5 AM to 9 PM daily through Saturday November 10th. Must release all chum, sockeye, wild coho, and wild Chinook through Sunday, September 30th. Beginning October 1 may retain chum and all coho, must release all Chinook and sockeye.

Area 7B (Bellingham Bay) will be open to:

Gillnets using 5-inch minimum mesh size:

Open continuously through 12 midnight Saturday October 27th.

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:

Open 7 AM to 7 PM daily through Saturday October 13th.

Area 8D (Tulalip Bay) will be open west of a line from Mission Point to Hermosa Point to:

Gillnets using 5 inch minimum mesh size:

6 PM Sunday, September 30th to 8 AM Monday, October 1st

6 PM Monday, October 1st to 8 AM Thursday, October 4th

6 PM Thursday, October 4th to 8 AM Friday, October 5th

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:

Monday October 1st from 7AM to 7PM

Purse seines must release all Chinook.

Area 9A (Port Gamble Bay):

Open to skiff gillnets, with nets not to exceed 600 feet in length and 60 meshes in depth using 5-inch minimum mesh, continuously through 7 PM Saturday, October 27. All Chinook and chum must be released by cutting the ensnaring mesh.

Area 12A (Quilcene Bay):

Open to skiff gillnets using 5-inch minimum mesh from 8 AM Tuesday, October 2nd to 8 AM Thursday, October 4th. Chinook and chum must be released by cutting the ensnaring mesh.

Area 12A (Quilcene Bay):

Open to beach seines from 7 AM to 7 PM daily, using minimum 3-inch and maximum 4-inch mesh, from Monday, October 1st to Friday, October 5th. Only coho salmon may be retained.

If you suspect an error in this message or if you have questions, please contact Kendall Henry, the Puget Sound Commercial Salmon Manager, at 360-902-2717.

Thank you for calling the commercial fisheries hotline.